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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert

--This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120) of pending U.S. application serial no. 09/660,151, filed September 13, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/351,588, filed July 12, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,151,745, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/730,286, filed November 30, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,987,688, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/554,931, filed November 9, 1995, abandoned.--

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-32 and 38-44.

Add claims 45-51.

--45. The method of claim 34 wherein the thermoplastic elastomer has a flexural modulus of at least 5 MPa.

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